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Programming and Allocations Committee
November 9, 2011
Minutes

Chair Kinsey called the meeting to order at approximately 10:15 a.m. Committee members present were: Vice Chair Glover and Commissioners Bates, Cortese, Campos, Dodd, and Wiener. Commissioners Tissier and Rein Worth were present as ad hoc voting members of the Committee. Other Commissioners present as ad hoc members of the Committee were: Giacopini, Green, Haggerty, Halsted, Mackenzie, and Spering.

Consent Calendar

The Committee unanimously approved the following consent items after a motion by Commissioner Dodd and a second by Commissioner Bates:

- Minutes of October 12, 2011 meeting;
- Cycle 2 Lifeline Programming Revisions. MTC Resolution No. 3881, Revised;
- 2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 2011-16. MTC Resolution No. 3975, Revised; and
- FY2011-12 State Transit Assistance (STA) Regional Discretionary Program. MTC Resolution No. 4007, Revised.

Regional

- *Proposed rescission of approximately \$1 million and allocation of approximately \$3 million in RM2 capital funds and allocation of \$6.5 million in AB 1171 capital funds. MTC Resolution Nos. 3640, Revised, 3655, Revised, and 3914, Revised.*

Shruti Hari, MTC Programming and Allocations Section, presented requests for a rescission of approximately \$1 million and an allocation of approximately \$3 million in Regional Measure 2 (RM2) capital funds towards the environmental phase of the AC Transit Enhanced Bus – East Bay Bus Rapid Transit Project and the Rehabilitation of 16 ex-SEPTA and three MUNI Presidential Conference Cars (PCCs). She also presented an allocation of approximately \$6.5 million in AB 1171 capital funds for construction of the Mission/Warren Truck-Rail Facility (MWT) project.

Commissioner Tom Bates asked about the continuation of the AC Transit Bus Rapid Transit that presently ends its line in Berkeley. Alix Bockelman responded that AC Transit is refining the scope of the project and working with FTA on the environmental document. The shortened scope of the project would help to keep the project within budget and acknowledge the constraints of various cities.

The Committee, upon the motion of Commissioner Campos with a second by Commissioner Cortese, unanimously approved the referral of MTC Resolution Nos. 3640, Revised, 3655, Revised, and 3914, Revised to the Commission for approval.

Federal

- *Revisions to the FTA Section 5311 Nonurbanized Area Formula Program Funding Objectives and Criteria. MTC Resolution No. 4036.*

Kristen Mazur, MTC Programming and Allocations Section, presented a proposal to change the programming process for the FTA Section 5311 Nonurbanized Area Formula Program Funding Objectives and Criteria from a priority ranking system to a formula distribution system, based on nonurbanized population and route miles, and accompanied by policy guidelines.

Commissioner Adrienne Tissier commented that Solano Transportation Authority's percentage is noted as twenty percent in the staff report and should be twenty-one percent. Ms. Mazur explained that the figures were rounded, which explains the discrepancy.

Commissioner Scott Haggerty expressed concern that Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) would lose funds by changing to a formula-based system and asked for an example of how much would actually be lost based on the last several years. Ms. Bockelman explained that staff will follow-up by providing an average over the past five years and that one of the benefits in the change is to provide more certainty to all operators, even if the amount might be lower.

Commissioner Steve Kinsey also requested that staff follow-up by providing an illustration of the financial implications associated with the change to a formula based system.

Commissioner Jake Mackenzie asked what amount the cities of Santa Rosa and Petaluma would receive based on the new formula-based system. Ms. Mazur responded that they would receive one percent of the \$1.2 million.

The Committee, upon the motion of Commissioner Bates with a second by Commissioner Glover, unanimously approved the referral of MTC Resolution No. 4036 to the Commission for approval.

- *New Freedom Cycle 4 Program of Projects. MTC Resolution No. 4041.*

Kristen Mazur, MTC Programming and Allocations Section, presented a recommendation for the fourth cycle of the New Freedom grant program to support transportation services to FTA grant applicants.

Commissioner Dorene Giacomini asked for clarification on the duplication of services for the City of Richmond. Ms. Mazur explained that in past New Freedom Cycles, information, referral and call centers projects were funded. For example, the Contra Costa Transportation Authority has an information and referral website that they will set up and the City of Richmond planned to set up the same type of system. Funding both projects would result in duplicative projects within the county and it was decided to fund a different project to serve the City of Richmond.

The Committee, upon the motion of Commissioner Tissier with a second by Commissioner Dodd, unanimously approved the referral of MTC Resolution No. 4041 to the Commission for approval.

- *Revisions to Federal Transit Administration Formula Programs for FY2011-12 to reflect revised estimates of federal appropriations. MTC Resolution Nos. 3714, Revised, 3854, Revised, and 3916, Revised.*

Glen Tepke, MTC Programming and Allocations Section, presented revisions to the Transit Capital Priorities programs for FY2011-12 to address a potential \$38 million revenue shortfall by withholding Flexible Set-Aside funds, deferring projects and making other program reductions; and reprogramming FTA funds previously programmed to Vallejo and Benicia to Solano County Transit.

Commissioner Scott Haggerty asked if the funding of \$70 million is being transferred directly to the BART Railcar replacement project and if it would be audited to ensure that the funds are being spent specifically for that project. Mr. Tepke confirmed that that is the process that will be followed. Mr. Heminger also confirmed that the funding for the project is secure and MTC does have the reserve. Additionally, Commissioner Haggerty asked if a different standard was being applied to AC Transit's funding request. Mr. Heminger responded that additional review is recommended by staff for the AC Transit request given the past history of redirecting capital funds to preventive maintenance.

The Committee, upon the motion of Commissioner Rein-Worth with a second by Commissioner Dodd, unanimously approved the referral of MTC Resolution Nos. 3714, Revised, 3854, Revised, and 3916, Revised to the Commission for approval.

California Transportation Commission Update

Alix Bockelman, MTC Programming and Allocations Section, presented an update from the CTC meeting held on October 26-27, 2011 in Sacramento, California including the approval of the eligibility determination for the Bay Area Express Lanes project and allocations of over \$70 million in Proposition 1B funds for Bay Area projects.

This item was presented for information only and no action is required by the Committee at this time.

Public Comment

Commissioner Kinsey asked Steve Heminger to comment on MAP-21, the Senate two-year authorization proposal. Mr. Heminger gave a brief update to the Committee and explained that a full update on the Senate Bill will be presented at the full Commission meeting on November 16.

Commissioner Kinsey adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:58 a.m.